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The Adventures of an accompliſh'd Cuckold, *continued.*

I WAS now reſolved to re-enter on the State of Matrimony, and to take to Wife the firſt I met to my Fancy; which happen'd to be a young Lady, who had the engaging Accompliſhment of being very witty. Her Fortune was but a very ſlender one; which made my Addreſſes meet with a greater Succeſs, and did not put me to the Trouble of a tedious faſhionable Courtſhip; for, I believe, the whole Affair was conſummated in three Weeks, and I enjoy'd the *Honey Month* (as we term it) with a great deal of Satisfaction.

But, in a Twelve-Month's Time, I began to ſuſpect my good Wife would be too witty for me, and I had great Reaſon to think my Life very uncomfortable, and the Marriage-Yoke extreamly burthenſome. She had her *French* Maſter, *Latin* Maſter, Dancing and Muſick Maſter daily attending her; and although I had a very good Education, yet ſhe was too hard for me, and I was in daily Danger of having my Head broke for ſpeaking improperly, and making falſe Concords.

In about another Year's Time, ſhe drew me into a Quarrel with her *French* Maſter, (who I had great Cauſe for Suſpicion had given me the Arms of Matrimony to grace my Forehead) and aggravated the Circumſtances of it to that Degree, that it was contrary to Honour to paſs it by. So we were to diſpute it with our Swords; which accordingly we did, and I had the good Luck to ſend him head-long out of the World; upon the News of which my Victory, my poor Dear ſwooned away, ſhew'd a great deal of Grief, broke her Heart at laſt, and ſo followed *Monſieur* to the other Regions.

I was now once more at Liberty, and continued ſingle for the Space of ten Years; when I was ignorantly and accidentally married. I was (with the reſt of the Gentlewoman's Family) to act a Play at a Gentleman's Country-Seat, and my Part was to be married to a Servant-Maid, who had before bribed a Country-Prieſt to come and act the Part of the feigned Prieſt, and to marry us in good Earneſt; which he did very dexterouſly: For I (thinking it was ſo in the Play) ſaid the uſual Repetition after him, which ſhe herſelf you may be ſure did not heſitate to do.

I ſtormed and ran about the Houſe like a Mad-man, but it was all to no Purpoſe, the Gordian Knot was tied, and I was forced to take my Bride into my Coach, and bring her to *London*. She had got a very loud Voice of her own, and an indefatigable Tongue; which made me act the Part of a good ſober Husband, ſit always mum-chance, and condeſcend to let her wear the Breeches. She was brought to Bed in three Months Time, but being but of a weak Conſtitution, ſhe tumbled out of the World, to my great Joy, and the Brat followed after, chiefly, I may preſume to ſay, for want of the Supports and Neceſſaries of Life.

I made ſhort Work of it, and was ſoon after married to a *Roman Catholick*; who had her good Father Confeſſor daily to pay her a Viſit, and, as good Luck would have it, coming unexpected home one Night, my Dear came out of her Chamber to welcome me home, with her Head wrapt up in a Pair of Breeches; and, upon further Search, I found my Holy Father in a trembling Condition under the Bed, whom I haul'd out, and ſwore I'd expoſe him, if he did not get my Wife to go into a Nunnery in three Days Time; which with great Induſtry he accompliſhed, and I thought myſelf in a State fit to be married again; for though my Wife was not really dead, ſhe was dead to me, and I thought that the ſame Thing.

I was now in Years, and therefore reſolved to be more cautious, and look before I leap'd, but eſpecially to mind the main Point, *viz.* to take Care and keep a Guard againſt *Cuckoldom*. And for that Reaſon, I married a raw Country Girl of Fifteen, whom I thought ſo very ignorant, that ſhe could never become Miſtreſs of any criminal Intriegues.

We liv'd very happy together, down at my Country-Seat; for I was reſolved never to bring her up to *London*: And I (having been abſent about a Week) coming home, ſhe ſaluted me, and gave me a great deal of Thanks for my ſending *Him*; for, in Truth, ſaid ſhe, the Nights were bitter cold, and I know not how I could have weather'd them out, if I had been without him.

Him? (ſaid I very much aſtoniſhed) what *Him?* What do you mean by him? Why, Dear, anſwered ſhe, you know who I mean! the young Gentleman, your Friend, you ſent to act your Part o' Nights; a pretty young Man, upon my Life! I ſhould not have grieved much, Dear, if you had ſtay'd another Week. He was ſo fond of me, nothing could be like it.

Ehem! ſaid I, very well —— 'Tis a Pity I am not "made an *Alderman*; for never any Body was better qua-"lified for it, or had a more pregnant Head."

But this pretty Piece of Innocence, in her full Time, was brought to Bed, and I took Care there ſhould no Midwife enter my Doors, for the Want of which ſhe very decently expired; and the Babe (with the Sum cuſtomary on ſuch Occaſions) I committed to the Care of the Pariſh.

I lived now ſeven happy Years a Widower; and finding it very troubleſome to keep Houſe myſelf, I was reſolved to try my good Luck again. But to make myſelf as ſafe as I could, I began to look out for a virtuous Wife, and, in a very ſhort Time, met with ſuch an one to my Heart's Content. We lived ſeveral Years very peaceably together, and I know not how we could live otherwiſe; for my Dear was a ſtrict Obſerver of the Church Seaſons, ſhew'd a very exemplary Life, and whenever I came home (at what Time ſoever) I was ſure to find her at her Devotions, Meditations, *&c.*

I was one Day upon a Journey, and not to return for a Week: but was taken ill on the Road, and came unexpectedly very late home at Night; I entered my Chamber, and found my Piece of Virtue at her Devotions, according to Cuſtom; who (upon my telling her I was out of Order) perſuaded me immediately to go to Bed; I told her I was willing to copy her Example, and would therefore ſpend half an Hour in my Cloſet. She earneſtly intreated me not, urging I might get a Cold, and increaſe my preſent Indiſpoſition, *&c.* But I inſiſted upon it, open'd the Cloſet, when a Fellow naked burſt out, beat me backwards, and ere I could recover myſelf, ſnatch'd his Cloaths from under the Bed, and made off.

I reprimanded my Dear very little, but was reſolved to try a better Remedy; and knowing her Temper could not brook the Loſs of Reputation, I ſpread the Fact all about Town; which ſoon compaſſed my Deſign, for in a Month's Time ſhe broke her Heart.

Thus, *Sir*, have I deliver'd this to you, from my Friend's Manuſcript, to divert your Readers, and am

Your humble Servant, B. P.

A Letter to a new-married Friend.

I.

TO learn on what Intent
This Epiſtle is ſent,
In thinking ſmall Time will employ, *Sir*,
Since you're married, to ſend
Is the Part of a Friend,
With Affection to wiſh you much Joy, *Sir*.

II.

Happy Friend, in my Eyes
You appear very wiſe,
Such a bleſt State of Life for your chuſing:
For what Mortal can be
Such a Fool, to live free,
When his Head he might run a great Nooze in?

III.

Oh! 'tis Muſick to hear
Pretty Wives domineer;
Each Accent is raviſhing ſweet!
'Tis great Mirth in our Stead,
To find Friends in our Bed,
And be bleſt with a rare pregnant Pate!

IV.

All which Bleſſings, I tell,
You will know very well.
But this may as News to you come, *Sir*,
Viz. My Garden behind,
An old Crab-Tree you'll find,
And your Choice of an Halter at home, *Sir!*

Poſtſcript.

Your Wife, doubtleſs, will ſay,
She'll be hang'd, if I be
Not an old Batchelor thus to run on! ——
Pray then hang'd may ſhe be
For defaming of me!
For I am not an old but a young one!

P. B.

The Mail from Parnaſſus *was rob'd this Week.*

THE *Parnaſſus* Stage Coach will go out on Tueſdays and Thurſdays for the future; there being ſo great a Call for Places, that once a Week is not ſufficient.

Harrow on the Hill: *An Acroſtick.*

H ow! ſhall thy Sons ungrateful all remain,
A nd none attempt to eternize thy Fame?
R egardleſs of the Font of all their Lays,
R efuſe ſoft Numbers to advance thy Praiſe?
O h Shame! let *Harrow*, Nurſe of Learning, riſe
W ith Fame, as well as Height, to threat the Skies!

O n Mount *Parnaſſus* antient Poets tell,
N ot *Phœbus* only, but the *Muſes* dwell:

T his, in this wiſer Age, we clearly ſee,
H arrow, *Parnaſſus* was a Type of thee! ——
E ntitled, * *LYON*, to eternal Fame,

H igh with thy Structure ſpires thy deathleſs Name,
I n which, to crown thy Toil, the *Muſes* fix their Reign.
L o *Phœbus* alſo ſmil'd —— and promis'd, in theſe Skies
L earning's illuſtrious SUNS ſhould ever riſe!

* The Founder of the famous *Harrow-School*, built about an hundred Years ago.

On DANCING.

YOUR *Cynic* Sages, dull, unpoliſh'd Fellows,
With formal Cant, and rigid Satire, tell us,
That *Dancing* is an idle, wanton Faſhion,
The vain Amuſement of as vain a Nation:
That Women ſhould avoid ſuch tempting Schools,
And only move by frozen Virtue's Rules.
I own their ſober Maxims partly right;
Virtue's a Gem with native Luſtre bright,
But poliſh'd ſhines with a ſuperior Light.
Let roſy Youth embloom the ſprightly Fair,
And Beauty mould her with a Lover's Care;
If Motion to the Whole denies its Grace,
In vain would Beauty recommend the Face.
With blunted Charms, and unavailing Eyes,
Such awkward Maids relinquiſh Beauty's Prize.
'Tis *Dancing*, only, heightens ev'ry Charm,
And gives each Feature double Pow'r to warm.
Like Godleſſes it learns us how to move,
And adds a *Juno* to *the Queen of Love*.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

At Balls gay *Cupid* takes his fav'rite Stand,
And gives the bluſhing Fair to *Hymen*'s Hand;
Glad *Hymen* wooes the Virgin into Wife,
And leads her thro' the various *Dance of Life*:
That Partner loſt, and Age advancing on,
We truly ſay, *our dancing Days are done.*

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:
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SIR,

IF you have any Pity for the Miſerable, or Compaſſion for the Unfortunate, I humbly deſire you to admit the Following in your next *Regiſter*; in which there's nothing writ that's fictitious: And all the World will ſee it is not elegant; neither have I any other Intent, but that when the Lady reads it, ſhe may conceive how entirely I'm hers. The which if you inſert, will be an agreeable Satisfaction to

Your conſtant Reader and Admirer,
STREPHON.

SIR,

'TIS my wretched and unhappy Fortune to fall a Victim to the Power of Beauty; and my approaching Fate makes my Heart beat quick with Fear, my Spirits ſink, and every Limb to tremble. But why do I complain of Trouble with Expectation? Is it not ſufficient to break ten Thouſand Hearts, to love (like me) and be denied? To ſee my rich and powerful Rival raviſh Kiſſes from the Lips of *Silvia?* Oh! I can never bear the Thoughts of ſeeing her in another's Arms; that ſoft, that fair, that all Perfection; not half enjoy'd, and panting to his Boſom; not being ſenſible of the Happineſs that he enjoys. Could Oaths or Vows make her believe that what I ſaid was true, I'd keep my Breath for nothing but to ſatisfy her Scruples. But if the fair relentleſs Maid believes me not, I'd have her know, her Marriage-Day will be the Death of *Strephon*; or if Death (like her) flies me in that fatal Hour, I'll dedicate the ſmall Remainder of my Days unto Revenge, and make her a Widow ere a married Woman.

But, even now, whilſt I'm thus raving, an amorous Thought o'er-rules my Heart, and quite diſarms me of my Fury. How often has it been the Buſineſs of my Soul to ſtudy what to ſay when next I ſaw her! When that Time came, my Thoughts could find no Utterance. I only look'd, and ſigh'd, and wiſh'd, nor could not ſpeak; but if perchance ſome Words came from my love-ſick Heart, they were all unintelligible. Nay once I told the Sentiments of my Heart, and then ſhe call'd it Flattery; and, by the Power which ſhe had over me, forbad my Tongue to utter a Thing ſo foreign to her Heart. But, *Silvia*, thou knoweſt full well, that Love has almoſt deprived me of my Senſes: For if I'm ask'd a Queſtion, I anſwer quite contrary. I'm grown ſo ſtupid with Love, I ſcarce know what I do: As when your Father and my Maſter blames me for Neglect of Buſineſs, 'tis you alone knows what it is makes me uncapable. But, *Silvia*, thou deareſt of thy Sex, if ever you had Pity, extend it to your adoring Lover. I cannot ſtay for ceremonious Method: Fix not your Thoughts on being Miſtreſs of my Rival's Money; for 'twill not make you happy. If e'er that fatal Marriage-Day ſhould come 'twixt him and you, you'll find, after a few ceremonious Days, the cold Indifference with which he loves you; and was you mine, altho' I'm not ſo rich, I'd make you happy in my Love; nay I would deprive myſelf of neceſſary Things to make your Life more comfortable. Oh *Silvia!* how I could claſp thee in my Arms, and preſs thee to my Boſom! where thou ſhould'ſt find an Honeſt Heart, which is, and ever ſhall be *Yours whilſt Life is*
STREPHON's.

SATURDAY, *February* 17.

ON Thurſday laſt a Woman well-dreſt was found drown'd near the *New-River-Head*; and 'tis ſaid ſhe is diſcover'd to be late Wife to a Haberdaſher of Small-Wares in the *Strand*, but the Cauſe of her Misfortune unknown.

We hear from *Cheſhire*, that ſome Days ago one *Elizabeth Corbley*, of *Moreton* in that County, thro' ſome Diſorder of Mind, ran a Pair of Sciſſars five Inches deep into her Throat, and expir'd in a few Minutes after.

On Thurſday laſt were brought in Irons to the *Red-Lion-Inn* in *Alderſgate-ſtreet*, in their Way to *Lincoln*, the two Brothers, nam'd *Hallum*, who were committed to *Salisbury* Jail about a Month ago, for a Robbery near that City; but upon Examination, being found to anſwer the Deſcription given in the *Gazette* of the Perſons that murdered the Youth near *Ancaſter*, they were charg'd with the ſame, and we hear that they have made an ample Confeſſion thereof, and they are now removing in order to take their Trial at the enſuing Aſſizes.

On Wedneſday laſt a Lad hanged himſelf at the *Portugal-Arms* in *Pall-Mall*; and this Day the Coroner's Jury ſat on his Body, and brought in their Verdict *Lunacy*. He was about Fifteen Years of Age, and in the Garret where he lay, he took a ſmall Line that hung up to dry Cloaths on, and made it faſt to the Nails in the Wall, and ſo hanged himſelf, firſt tying a Napkin or Cloth round his Neck.

Letters from *Bath* ſay, there was never ſo much Company known to be there at this Seaſon of the Year, as at preſent; there being above 150 Families, beſides ſingle Gentlemen.

His Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* is ſpeedily expected over hither.

Preferments. Sir *John Heathcote*, Bart. is choſen Member of Parliament for St. *Germain's*, in the room of his Father Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Bart. deceas'd.—— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on *Hugh Clopton*, of *Stratford* upon *Avon*, in the County of *Warwick*, Eſq;

Deaths. Late on Thurſday Night died Mrs. *Thorpe*, the Wife of *Thomas Thorpe*, of *Low-Layton* in the County of *Eſſex*, Eſq;——On Sunday laſt died, at *Spalding* in *Lincolnſhire*, Capt. *Perry*, the famous Engineer, who did ſeveral great Works in the Czar of *Muſcovy*'s Country, as well as others in *England*, particularly the Stopping of *Daggenham Breach*, and had made a conſiderable Progreſs in draining *Dreping* Fens.——Yeſterday Morning died Madam *Weſtern*, of *Bloomsbury-Square*.——On Monday laſt died, at his Seat at *Stanny* near *Cheſter*, Sir *Henry Bunbury*, Bart. Repreſentative for that City in the ſeveral Parliaments, from the Year 1700 to 1727.

MONDAY, *February* 19.

The Commiſſaries appointed the 30th of *April*, 1730, by his Majeſty, to meet thoſe on the Part of *Spain*, in order to ſettle and adjuſt the Differences occaſioned by the Depredations, *&c.* were to meet in four Months after the Ratification of the Treaty of *Seville*, which was concluded the 9th of *November*, 1729, and their Commiſſions were to continue for three Years from the Date of the ſaid Treaty, yet by ſeveral unforeſeen Accidents, the Meeting of the Commiſſaries in *Spain* was ſo long delay'd, that the firſt Conferences were not opened before the 23d of *Feb.* 1732. N. S. and as ſo much Time had elapſed before the opening their Commiſſions, it has been ſince agreed between the two Crowns, that the three Years for finiſhing the Commiſſion of the ſaid Commiſſaries, ſhall be computed from their firſt Meeting on the ſaid 23d of *Feb.* 1732.

On Saturday laſt an Affair was heard at the Court of Delegates in *Serjeant's-Inn*, relating to the Practices of the famous *Japhet Crooke*, in getting large Sums of Money, and a Will, from Mr. *Hawkins* of *Walthamſtow*, in Prejudice to his Relations; which Affair was determined in favour of the Relations.

We hear that there will be one Million of Money raiſed this Year by Way of Lottery; and the Tickets to be at 3l. each; by which Scheme the Blanks will be all ſunk.

Yeſterday a Servant-Boy belonging to Mr. *Miller*, at the *White-Bear-Inn* in *Piccadilly*, hanged himſelf.

On Saturday laſt a Servant belonging to the *Lion in the Wood* in *Salisbury-Court*, unfortunately received a Kick from a Coach-Horſe, in the Bowels, and expir'd ſoon after.

Extract of a Letter from Charles-Town *in* South-Carolina, *dated* December 30.

Laſt Week we had Advice from Mr. *Alexander Wood*, from the *Upper-Creeks*, that *Simon Leach*, his Licenſe-Man, *Robert Johnſon*, —— *Lewis*, together with a Half Brother to *James Welſh*, deceaſed, were found dead about half-way in the Path between *Conſas* and *Chickaſaws*, with their Heads cut off, and their Horſes and Goods carried away; it is ſuppoſed to be done by the *Chickaſaws*, at the Inſtigation of the *French*.

Robberies. Laſt Friday Night about Seven o'Clock *Thomas Browne*, Eſq; was ſet upon by two Highwaymen near *Tyburn*, who robb'd him of 16 Guineas, a Gold Watch, and ſome Silver.——On Saturday a Servant of Mr. *Glaniſter*, Stay-maker in *Villiers-ſtreet*, *York-Buildings*, was knock'd down and robb'd of 14s. by two Street-Robbers; one of whom attempted to ſtrip her of her Cloaths; but ſome People coming up, they made off without accompliſhing their Deſign. She knew one of them, who is ſaid to be a Waterman at *Hungerford-Stairs*, and a Warrant is granted for apprehending them.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. *George* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, to be Governor of the Iſland of *Guernſey*.——His Majeſty has alſo been pleaſed to appoint *Richard Fitz-William*, Eſq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majeſty's *Bahama* Iſlands in *America*, and Garriſons there, in the room of *Woodes Rogers*, Eſq;

Deaths. On Tueſday laſt died aged 115, one of the oldeſt Penſioners belonging to *Chelſea-College*, who had ſerved the Crown upwards of 80 Years, and ſignaliz'd himſelf in a gallant Manner at *Edgbill* Fight, againſt the Parliament Party; was alſo in all the Wars in *Ireland* under King *William*; and likewiſe under his Grace the late Duke of *Marlborough* through all his Campaigns in *Flanders*, and was admitted a Penſioner of *Chelſea-College* the ſame Year the Treaty of Peace at *Utrecht* was concluded. His Grace the Duke of *Richmond* and Sir *Robert Walpole*, allowed him a Crown a Week each, ſome Years before his Death, in Conſideration of his many good Services to his Country in his younger Days.—— On Saturday Morning died, at his Houſe in *Red-Lion-ſtreet*, *Holborn*, Sir *Richard Everard*, Bart.——Laſt Week died, at his Habitation in *Wine-Office Court*, *Fleet-ſtreet*, *Edward Cook* of the *Middle Temple*, Eſq; Barriſter at Law.——Laſt Week died *John Stone*, of *Brightwell* in *Oxfordſhire*, Eſq;——On Wedneſday laſt died the Rev. Mr. *John James*, Rector of *Stratfield-Turges* in *Hampſhire*, in the 89th Year of his Age.——Laſt Week died at *Bath* Miſs *Eleanor Ford*, Daughter of *George Ford*, Eſq; Alderman and Merchant of that City.

TUESDAY, *February* 20.

On Thurſday laſt the Cauſe between the Biſhop of *Ely* and Dr. *Bently* was ended in the Houſe of Lords; and there being ſome Articles prohibited, ſeveral of which were waved by the Council for the Biſhop, in order, as it is ſuppoſed, to ſave Expence and Time, the Doctor, by the Rules of Law, was as Plaintiff entitled to Coſts, and accordingly had 100l. given him.

On Saturday in the Afternoon three Carts loaded with Books, Papers, and Records, were ſent from the *York-Buildings* Houſe in *Wincheſter-ſtreet* to the Hon. Houſe of Commons, for the Inſpection of the Committee that are appointed to examine the Affairs of that Company.

Yeſterday a Market-Woman riding with a Pair of Hampers through *Whitechapel* towards the Country, was thrown off her Horſe by the Careleſſneſs of a Gentleman's Coachman; the poor Woman pitch'd upon her Head, and is ſo much hurt, that it's thought her Life is in Danger; and the Gentleman in the Chariot had not good Nature or Humanity enough to order her to be taken Care of, but left her in the Handsof the poor People about her, and order'd the Man to drive on.

Letters (by Yeſterday's Poſt) from *Tedbury* in *Glouceſterſhire*, mention a Fire breaking out the 5th Inſtant at *Caſtle Hayes*, which conſumed two Barns of Corn, as alſo the Stables and Granary of Mr. *Cooper*, a Farmer of that Place; whoſe Loſs is computed to be upwards of 400l.

Briſtol, Feb. 17. Laſt Wedneſday a Maſter of a Veſſel was committed to *Newgate*, on the Information of ſeveral of his Men, for contriving, procuring and ordering the *Anne* Sloop (whereof he was Maſter and Owner) belonging to this Port, to be ſunk on the High Seas, in order to defraud the Inſurers; and it is thought he will be tried for the ſame at the next Seſſion of Admiralty.

The Boatſwain belonging to Capt. *Harris*, who was left in the *Weſt-Indies*, but came home by the Run in another Veſſel, has voluntarily made an Information at the Council-Houſe againſt his ſaid Captain, relating to the Murder he is charged with; and has brought with him a Piece of the Rope the Deceaſed was beat with. It is thought he will be the chief Evidence againſt him.

Deaths, Briſtol, Feb. 17. Laſt Wedneſday died one Dame *Perkins*, who lived in *Brick-ſtreet* without *Lawford's-Gate*: She was ſuppoſed to be a very poor Woman, and had for ſome Years paſt been relieved by charitable People in that Neighbourhood, as an Object of Charity; but during her Illneſs, being attended by a Woman uſually employed to look after ſick Perſons, a Bag was found hanging perpendicular from her Waiſt, which ſhe carried and wore about her, and in it 331 Guineas, ſome Pieces of Silver, and Half-pence, five Gold Rings, and four Silver Thimbles; beſides other Things of Value, as Plate, Linnen, *&c.* that was found hid in the Houſe, which her Relations thought ſufficient to afford her a handſome Funeral: and accordingly attended her Corpſe laſt Thurſday, with ſome Coaches and a Hearſe, to St. *Philip's Church-Yard*.——Yeſterday died in *Tooley-ſtreet*, *Southwark*, Mr. *Maſon*, a Gentleman reputed worth 60,000 l. 40,000 of which, 'tis ſaid, he has left to Mr. *Mitchel*, of *Clerkenwell*, and about 20,000 l. to charitable Uſes.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 21.

Yesterday Morning about One o'Clock a Fire broke out at the House of Sir *Henry Blount*, Bart. in *Lawrence-Pountney-Lane*, and in a short Time consumed the same, and damaged several others adjacent; but all the Family had the good Fortune to save themselves, having been in Time alarm'd by one of the Footmen who was awake. The Flames were so hasty and violent, that but little of the Furniture or Plate could be remov'd.

Some Time ago a very remarkable Cause was tried in the Court of Delegates at *Doctor's-Commons*, relating to the Validity of the Will of one Mrs. *Lewis*, a Widow; but the Court being then divided in their Opinions, and no Precedent of the like Accident being to be found, a Commission of adjunct Judges has been added, and on Friday last the said Cause came to a Rehearing at the said Place: The Case was this, The deceas'd Lady, Mrs. *Lewis*, being a Widow, made her Will, but after some Time married again; at length her second Husband died, and she again became a Widow; the Will that she made in her first Widowhood still remaining, and being found after her Death, the Question was, Whether the same was a good Will or not? The Council against the Will argued, that upon the second Marriage the Will became null and void, and could not be revived without some new Act of the Deceased to give it Life. The Council for the Will cited many Authorities from the Civil Law, and shew'd that the *Romans*, who having made their Wills were afterwards taken Captives, such Wills reviv'd and became again in force by the Testators repossessing their Liberty; and thence infer'd, that as Matrimony was a State of Captivity, Wills made by unmarried Persons, who by their surviving their Husbands became again free, the same ought to revive with their Freedoms. But the Council against the Will making a Distinction between Matrimony and Captivity, the one being the Effect of Compulsion, and the other a voluntary Act, the Judges therefore (and for other Reasons) determined the Will to be void.

Yesterday a Cause was heard at the Bar of the House of Lords, between *Joseph Cortisos*, Appellant, and *Anthony Mendes*, *Lewis Mendes*, and *James Mendes*, Respondents, concerning a Contract in the *South-Sea* Company for 40,000 l. and their Lordships were pleased to confirm the Decree with 100 l. Costs.

Yesterday was held a Court of Aldermen at *Guildhall*, when *Robert Kendall*, Esq; was sworn in Alderman of *Cheap* Ward. At the same Time *Charles Jones*, Esq: late Under City-Marshal, was sworn in Upper City-Marshal, in the room of Mr. *John Plymore*, who hath resign'd.

Robbery. On Monday last the *Ailesbury* Stage-Coach was robb'd in its Way to *London* by a single Highwayman, about half a Mile on this Side of *Southwell*. The Fellow by his Behaviour seem'd but a Novice in his Profession, and having collected from the Passengers about 40 s. rode off with his Booty, and all the Signs of Fear and Trembling.

Preferments. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint *James Cardonnel*, *William Churchill*, *Edward Astley*, *William Winde*, and *Henry Talbot*, Esqs; to be Commissioners for the Receipt and Management of the Duties on Salt.

Deaths. On the 3d Instant died at *Amsterdam*, Madam *Doverie*, Mother of Mr. *Doverie*, an eminent Merchant in *Gold-street*, *Cheapside*.——On Monday last died at *Northampton*, Mr. *George Bowes*, who formerly kept the *Ram's-Head-Inn* in *Smithfield*, reputed worth 10,000 l.—On Saturday last died at *Liverpool*, *William Brereton*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of the *Victualling-Office*, and formerly Representative in Parliament for that Borough.——Yesterday died in Child-bed Mrs. *Guinand*, Wife of Mr. *Guinand*, an eminent *French* and *Italian* Merchant, at his House in *Threadneedle-street*.——On Monday the 19th Instant died, at his Seat called *Newhouse* in *Warwickshire*, *Edward Reynolds*, Esq;

THURSDAY, *February* 22.

Yesterday there was a General Council at St. *James's*, when his Majesty was pleased to order a Proclamation to be issued out, to forbid any Person to receive or utter in Payment by Tale, any of the Broad Pieces of 25 or 23 s. Half or Quarter Pieces; and also ordering the Collectors of the Revenues to receive the same by Weight, and authorizing the Officers of his Majesty's *Mint* to allow 4 l. 12 s. *per* Ounce Troy, to all who shall bring those Pieces in.

On Tuesday last several Lords and Members of the House of Commons dined with the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of this City at *Goldsmith's-Hall*, where they had a very elegant Entertainment.

On Monday the 9th of *April* a Sessions of Admiralty will be held at *Justice-Hall* in the *Old Bailey*, before Sir *Henry Penrice*, Knt. Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, when the several Persons will be tried that are now confined in the *Marshalsea* Prison, *Southwark*, for several Crimes and Pyracies committed on the High Seas.

Last Tuesday the Secretary of the *York Buildings* Company was order'd into Custody.

The *Friendship*, Capt. *Fellers*, which is arrived in the River, came from *Boston* in *New-England* the 17th of *January*, when all the Ships there were froze up, and she got away by cutting a Passage thro' the Ice, which was 18 Inches thick, and all the Harbours on that Continent were froze up as far Southward as *Virginia*.

Yesterday the Sessions began at the *Old Bailey*, when the three following Persons were capitally convicted, *viz.* *George Dawson*, for stealing out of the Shop of Mr. *Thomas Hodges*, a Linnen-Draper, two Pieces of printed Lawn; *Rowland Tinner* and *David Delley*, for a Robbery on the Highway in *Mary-le-bone-Fields* in *June* last. Twenty-two were order'd for Transportation.

They are paying at the *Cofferers Office* the Travelling-Expences and Allowances due to their Majesties Houshold-Servants when the Court resided at *Windsor*, *Hampton-Court* and *Richmond*, for three Years past.

Our Letters by the last Mails inform us, that the same Distemper which has of late so generally prevail'd in this Kingdom, is now in almost every City of *Italy*, and carries off a great Number of aged Persons. This Disorder was first taken Notice of at *Vienna*, where the Empress, the Duke of *Lorrain*, and almost all the whole Court and City, were at once indispos'd; from thence it spread into every capital City in *Germany*, from many of which Places we had then an Account, that the Garrisons had not a sufficient Number of Soldiers in Health to do the necessary Duties, or mount the usual Guards. It took *Holland* in its Way to *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and having visited the most populous Places therein, it pass'd to *France*, and so on to *Italy*.

Yesterday came on a Trial at *Guildhall*, between a Peruke-maker Plaintiff, and a Gentleman Defendant; and after about an Hour's Hearing, it was given for the Plaintiff: It appear'd by the Evidence that the Plaintiff made several Perukes for the Defendant in the Year 1728, the Defendant went soon after beyond the Seas, and order'd a Merchant in *London* (with whom he lodg'd whilst in Town) to pay the Plaintiff for the same; but he not being honest enough to do it, the Plaintiff made a Demand on the Defendant on his Return to *England*, and he refus'd to pay it, saying, he had order'd his Friend to pay it; but it being prov'd, that the Perukes were deliver'd to the Defendant, though the Bill of Parcels was given to the Merchant aforesaid in the Defendant's Name, the Court found for the Plaintiff as above.

On Tuesday Night last the Lady of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Litchfield* was safely deliver'd of a Son, at her House in *Hanover-Square*.

Robberies. On Tuesday Night Mr. *Thornton*, an eminent Attorney at Law, was robb'd by a single Highwayman on *Epping-Forest*, who took from him a Silver Watch, five Guineas, and some Silver.——The same Night Mr. *Goodwin* was attack'd by three Street-Robbers in *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, who took from him three Guineas and some Silver.

Preferment. The Rev. Mr. *Tindal* is appointed, by the Lords of the Admiralty, Chaplain to his Majesty's *Dock-Yard* at *Chatham*.

Deaths. *John Jekyll*, Esq; Nephew to the Hon. Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, died the 30th of *Dec.* at *Boston* in *New-England*.——On the same Day died *Abraham Borden*, Esq; General Treasurer of *Rhode-Island*.——Also on the 8th of *Jan.* died *John Rolfe*, Esq; Collector of his Majesty's Customs in the Port of *Nova Cesaria*, alias *Cohenzy* in *West Jersey*.——Sir *Thomas Grosvenor*, Bart. one of the Representatives in Parliament for the City of *Chester*, died of a Consumption at *Naples* the 4th Instant, N. S.——On Sunday last died at *Rochester* in *Kent*, *John Winer*, Esq;

Bankrupts. *William Andrews*, of *Bread-street*, *London*, Tobacconist.——*James Hasell*, Sen. of *Sudbury* in the County of *Suffolk*, Stay-maker.——*William Newman*, of the Parish of St. *Bridget*, alias *Bride's*, *London*, Carpenter.

FRIDAY, *February* 23.

Yesterday the King went to the House of Peers in his Coach of State, and his Majesty being seated on the Throne, he was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in the Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and also certain Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; and also for giving further Time to Clerks and Apprentices to pay the Duties omitted for their Indentures and Contracts.

An Act for granting a Sum to *John Thompson*, late Warehouse-keeper to the *Hudson's-Bay* Corporation, to come to *England*, and make a Discovery of the Effects of the said Corporation; and also for allowing him a Proportion out of the Effects he shall discover, and for preventing any fraudulent Releasing or Assigning any Debts due from *George Bridges* or the said *John Thompson*.

And to one private Bill.

His Majesty has declared his Intention of being entertained twice a Week by the Company of Comedians at the Theatre-Royal in *Drury-Lane*, during the Residence of the Royal Family at *Hampton-Court*; and his Grace the Duke of *Grafton* is ordered to give the necessary Directions for that Purpose.

Last Week the Lady of the Right Hon. the Lord *Malton* was brought to Bed of a Daughter, at his Lordship's Seat in *Yorkshire*.

Yesterday at the Sessions at the *Old Bailey* the three following Persons were capitally convicted, *viz.* *Joseph Frettwell*, for a Robbery on the Highway; *William* and *Andrew Card*, for Burglary.

The same Day the Proprietors of the Corporation for the Relief of the poor Sea Officers Widows met at the Admiralty Office, and chose a Governor, two Vice-Presidents, and fourteen Assistants for the Year ensuing, *viz.* the Right Hon. Sir *Charles Wager*, Governor; the Hon. the Lord *Archibald Hamilton*, and the Right Hon. the Lord *Vere Beauclerc*, Vice-Presidents; and the Committee were chose of two Admirals, two Captains, two Lieutenants, and two of all other Officers in the Navy.

On Wednesday Night a Fire broke out at Mr. *Gray's*, a Carpenter, near the *Burying-Ground* beyond *Whitechapel Church*, which entirely consumed the same, and several others adjacent; and Yesterday as a numerous Crowd of People were looking upon the Ruins, a Wall fell down, by which Accident a Boy was kill'd, and several Persons so much bruised, that their Lives are despair'd of.

Robbers. On Wednesday Night about Twelve o'Clock, Mr. *Owen*, a noted Limner in *Tavistock-street*, *Covent-Garden*, was attack'd by five Street-Robbers, on the Back-side of *Covent-Garden* Church, as he was going home. One of them came behind him, and knocked him down; and before he recovered himself, another cut him so very dangerously cross the left Eye, that it is feared he will lose the Sight of it; after which they robbed him of two Guineas and some Silver.

Preferments. At a Court holden at St. *Bartholomew's-Hospital* Yesterday, Mr. *John Lloyd* was chosen Renter of the said Hospital; the Rev. Mr. *William Wilson* was chosen Chaplain to the *Lock* in *Southwark*; and the Rev. Mr. *Norman Maid* was appointed one of the Readers of *Christ's-Church*. The Rev. Mr. *James Sheepshanks*, and the Rev. Mr. *John Ellis* were Candidates for the Vicarage of *Little Wakering* in *Essex*; which, upon a Ballot was determined in Favour of the former.

Deaths. On Wednesday died, at his Seat at *Groves* in *Kent*, *John Lynch*, Esq;——Yesterday Morning died ——*Jones*, Esq; Counsellor at Law.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, *Feb.* 21. *Remain* the Albany, Bryant, for *New-York*; Britannia, Grantham; Decker, Williamson, *East-India*; Asia, Tims, *Smyrna*; Prince William, Lawrence; St. George, Roberts; Lisbon Galley, Blackabee, *Lisbon*; George and Mary, Porter, *Bourdeaux*; Pole, Gordon; Wiltshire, Nailor; Nottingham, Peddie, *St. Christopher's*; William and Anne, Jopson, *Streights*; Pelican, Parker; Bugby's Hole, Radford, *Mountserat*; John, Gill, *Genoa*; Susanna, Rogers, *Barcelona*; Elizabeth and Hannah, Major, *Maryland*; Adventure, Rice, *Marseilles*; Abel, Foster, *Barbados*; Neptune, Peppercorn, *Figueira*; Hannah, Barns, *Virginia*; Shark, Perkins, *Port-Mahon*; Happy Gilbert, Paul, *Carolina*; Friendship, Akers, *Legborn*; Elizabeth, Hurt, *Madeira*; Samuel, White; Catherine and Ann, Robinson; Success, Porter, *Lisbon*; William, Baker, *Carolina*; John and Lawrence, Hamilton, *Cadiz*; Friendship, Beal, for *Londonderry*; the two last from *Ostend*.

Gravesend, *Feb.* 21. *Arrived* the Mary, Gilby, from *Calais*; Charming Jenny, Brook, *Boulogn*; Mary, Smith; Love, Hay, *Ostend*; Hyam Sloop, Christian, *Rotterdam*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Vienna, *Feb.* 12. N. S.

DON *Joseph de Viana y Equilaz* is entrusted with the Affairs of *Spain* since the Departure of the Duke of *Liria*; and the King his Master, to enable him to support his Character, has augmented his Salary with 12,000 Florins a Year.

Hague, Jan. 14. N. S. The Affairs of *Genoa* have been little talked of for some Time: They appear to be in much the same Situation: The *Imperial* Troops are yet in *Corsica*, and the four Malcontents still in the Castle of *Savona*. The Senate keep secret their Resolutions upon these two Points, and also the Dispatches that come to them incessantly from *Vienna*. It is concluded by this apparent Inaction, that the *Imperial* Court persists in their first Sentiments in relation to these Affairs; and that on the other Side, the *Genoese* continue to turn a deaf Ear to the Remonstrances of the Emperor. We shall see these political Mysteries unfold themselves, when the Spring-Flowers appear.

They keep also, as a profound Secret, the Motives which engaged the Senate of *Genoa* to arrest several Officers of the Troops of the Republick, two of whom found Means to escape the Hands of their Countrymen, and to withdraw themselves from the Vengeance that threatned them, by getting on board of a Foreign Ship, and taking Refuge at *Leghorn*. They say it was upon a false Suspicion, that the Senate resolved to make sure of them. But if it had been easy for these Gentlemen to have justified their Innocence, why should they fly their Country? It looks as if Justice was banished that Republick also.

The *Nouvelles Ecclesiastiques* of *France* goes on in its ordinary Train, in spight of all the great and assiduous Enquiries that have been made these many Years after those Papers, and the Place where they are fabricated. We read in the Life of some Saint, that being pursued one Day by his Enemies, and on the Point of falling into their Hands, Providence permitted it, that at that Instant he was veiled from Head to Foot with a Spider's Web, insomuch that his Persecutors passed and repassed twenty Times the Place where he was, without perceiving him. It seems the Authors, Workmen and Factors of these ecclesiastical Annals must have some such Screen; for no Body doubts of this Manufactory's being carried on at *Paris*, or some Place near it at least; and if they have searched and rummaged, and re-searched every where, it is morally sure that they must have been more than once in the Place where these active Spirits employ themselves. It was but lately, that a Man was discovered dressed like a Peasant, or innocent Country-Fellow, who came into the Suburbs of *Paris* with a Wallet upon his Back: He was seen to go into a Smith's Shop, where he unloaded the Spindle of a Printing-Press, which he left to be mended. At that Time happened an Interruption of the *Nouvelles Ecclesiastiques*, and this was a pretty clear Proof, that the Machine belonged to the Laboratory of the *Jansenists*. With these Tokens, could it be imagined, that these vigilant and industrious Agents of Monsieur *Herault* wanted any Clew to direct them to the Source of this Labyrinth? In short, they did what they could; they watched the pretended Peasant, followed him upon the Track, at least a Dozen of them; but apparently, the Fellow was an old Practitioner, and had Address enough, by Shifts and Doublings, to put the whole Pack at a Fault. Thus the Discovery is no more advanced at this Day, than it was a Year ago, though the Perquisitions have cost the Ministry many hundred thousand Livres.

Hague, Jan. 23. N. S. We have received Advice from *Nimeguen*, that two Soldiers of that Garrison passing over the Territories of *Cleves* with a Passport, the *Prussians* endeavoured to inveigle them into their Service; and because they refused, they bastinadoed them to such a Degree, that it is questioned whether they will recover it. This is an abominable Tyranny, that is exercised by the Officers of no other Prince whatsoever, and has determined the Elector *Palatine* to break the Cartel made some Time since with his *Prussian* Majesty.

Hague, Feb. 17. N. S. Private Letters from *Dresden* tell us, that upon the first News of the King of *Poland*'s Death, a Report was spread there, that the *Polanders* had massacred him; which Report (it seems) was grounded upon an antient Prediction made to his Majesty in the *Ukraine*; where, when he was only Prince of *Saxony*, he was shewn himself in a Looking-Glass, with the Electoral Coronet upon his Head, then with a Royal Crown, and lastly drowned in his own Blood, surrounded with Sabres; all which has happened to a Punctilio, as they make it out, thus: He first succeeded his Brother in the Electorate; was afterwards elected King of *Poland*; and died with the Loss of a great deal of Blood by his Foot, whilst the Dyet was assembled, and had drawn their Sabres upon the Nuncio *Hurka*.

The Electoral Prince of *Saxony* was proclaimed Elector in a very peaceable Manner, though a small Party whispered about, and would fain have enforced, the Necessity of demanding the Banishment of the *Jesuites*. The Privy Council were immediately sent for, and surrender'd the Seals to his Electoral Highness, who deliver'd them to the Council again, and desir'd them and the other Ministers to be as faithful to him, as they had been to his Father.

They write from *Sweden*, that there are two Ships in the Port of *Gottemburg*, ready to sail for *China*; and it is expected that the Director *Kruger* will go over with them, to settle a *Swedish* Colony in that Country.

The King of *Denmark* has presented his *Asian* Company with the Ship *Sleyswick*, to be sent to *China*; and his Majesty has resolved that the Directors shall send three Ships every Year to *China* and *Tranquebar*, notwithstanding the Menaces of the *Hollanders*, who have insinuated, that they will not suffer the *Danish* Ships to go cross their Possessions to *China*. Moreover, as that Prince is loth to be beholden to them for the Assurances of his Company's Ships, and others which have been insured at *Amsterdam*, he has erected a Company of Insurers at *Copenhagen*, where his Majesty was the first that subscribed a considerable Sum, and his Example has been so well followed, that their Subscription already amounts to 300,000 Crowns.

The King of *Prussia* continues to violate the Territories of the Republick, by causing all their High-Mightinesses Officers and Soldiers to be seized where-ever they can be found, and hurried away to the Citadel of *Wezel*. There are already 32 Officers under that hard Circumstance; and among them a Colonel and a Major: And it is reported, that several *Prussian* Regiments are marching towards the Quarter of *Gelderland*, as if their Design were against *Venlo* or *Grave*, the former of which Places being open on one Side, Men are now at Work in fortifying the same. The Council of State are taking Precautions as if we were upon the Point of a War; Orders are sent to all the Regiments, to fill up their Companies to the full Complement of the State of the War; and already it has been moved to augment the Troops with 10 or 12,000 Men, and to take 12,000 *Hessians* into the Service of the State. In short, the Garrison of *Venlo* has been reinforced with three Battalions, and that of *Nimeguen* with two; and we are told, the Sum of 12 or 15 Millions will be negotiated at 3 *per Cent.* On the other hand, their High Mightinesses have written a long Letter to the King of *Prussia*, to justify their Conduct, and vindicate their Right in the Execution of the two Officers at *Maestricht*; and at the same Time they demonstrate the Injustice of seizing so many innocent Officers, and violating their Territories. Their High-Mightinesses have conferred about this Affair with Count *Sinzendorff*, the Marquis *de Fenelon*, Monsieur *d'Ayrolles*, and the *Heer Mosch*. Some offer the Mediation of their Court, others substantial Succours, *&c.* We are assured, that Prince *William* of *Hesse Cassel* will command the Troops of the Republick in case of an Attack; and some will have it, that an Express is actually gone for that Prince. All the Officers and Soldiers of the State express an uncommon Ardour to revenge their Country's Quarrel; but it is believed after all, that the mighty Bounce it has made, will end in Smoak; for the King of *Prussia* is too wise to strike up a War at the present Juncture; and besides, it is not to be doubted, but his *Imperial* Majesty will interpose his good Offices with that Prince, to prevent his taking any violent Resolution.

Paris, Feb. 28. N. S. We learn by private Letters from *Madrid*, that a bloody Battle has been lately ought between *Bigotillos*, the late Dey of *Oran*, and a certain *Moorish* Prince his Neighbour, and that the Army of *Bigotillos* was entirely defeated, and his Men cut off in great Numbers.

The third Princess of *France*, who died the 19th Instant, was christned the Day before by the Name of *Mary-Louisa*. On the 23d following her Body being presented by the Cardinal *de Rohan* to the Religious of the Abby of St. *Dennis*, the same was there interr'd in the antient Burial-place of the Kings of *France*; but his Eminence convey'd the Heart of that Princess to the Abby of *Val de Grace*.

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